



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police
Major Crimes Bureau / Homicide Unit

Date: June 3, 2021

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Type of Offense/Incident: Shooting - Homicide

Date: June 3, 2021

Time: 1:41am

Location of Offense/Incident: R/O 122 E Main St

Zone: 5

Precinct: 16

Incident Report #: 210392789

Cruiser District: 160

Victim: Teaira Harris	Sex: Female	Race: White	Age: 26
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Suspect: Darren Dempsey	Address:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Arrested	<input type="checkbox"/> Warrant on File	Sex: Male	Race: White
			Age: 43
Charges: Pending Grand Jury Review			
Suspect:	Address:		
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			Age:
Charges:			

Incident Summary: On June 3, 2021, at 1:41am, patrol officers were dispatched to the area of 150 E. Main St. on a shooting. Upon arrival, Officers located the victim, Teaira Harris F/W/26, lying in the parking lot to the rear of 122 E. Main St, unresponsive with a gunshot wound. Ms. Harris was transported to Grant Hospital in critical condition by CFD Medic #1. Despite receiving life saving medical treatment, Ms. Harris succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased at 4:21am. Patrol officers detained the suspect, Mr. Darren Dempsey M/W/43, and several witnesses that remained at scene. Initial statements indicated that a number of small fights took place, which led to the shooting. Witnesses advised that the victim displayed a firearm and pointed it at several people, including the suspect. The suspect then fired his weapon in self-defense. At this time, no charges have been filed, and upon completion of this investigation, the case package will be sent to the Franklin County Grand Jury for final review and determination.

Anyone with information regarding this incident, is asked to call the Columbus Police Homicide Section at (614) 645-4730 or Central Ohio Crime Stoppers at (614) 461-TIPS (8477).

This is the 85th Homicide in Columbus, Ohio in Calendar Year 2021, Incident #210392789. Detective Jones is the lead Detective on the case being assisted by Det. Smith.

This incident is still under investigation.

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